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AFDROUGHT

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SUBJ: US GRAIN ALLOCATIONS TO THE SAHEL

REF: A) DAKAR 1811 B) STATE 71780

1. URGENTLY LOOKING INTO MATTER OF PROGRAMMING BLENDED FOODS MALI AND MAURITANIA, AND WILL COMMUNICATE FINDINGS ASAP. HOWEVER, HESITATE TO GIVE ARBITRARY RESPONSE, SINCE SUBSEQUENT TO TRANSMISSION REF A, FFPO ALERTED TO FACT THAT SFSG CONTAINERS TEND TO BURST OPEN DURING ROAD TRANSIT SIXTH REGION MALL, DUE EXECRABLE ROAD CONDITIONS. MIN DEF DOUKARA REPORTED LOSSES LAST WEEK OF UP TO FIFTY PER CENT COMMODITY IN PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO TRANSPORT BLENDED FOOD BY ROAD. (QUESTION WAS ASKED BY MINDEF WHETHER OR NOT SFSG COULD BE REBAGGED IN STRONGER, MORE RESISTANT, CONTAINERS.) AS A RESULT, MOST OF SGSG DELIVERED REFUGEE CAMPS HAS BEEN BY WEST GERMAN/USSR AIRLIFTS. ONE CONSIGNMENT THUS DELIVERED ARRIVED DURING RECENT FFPO VISIT TO GOUNDAM. MINDEF DOUKARA ALSO WISHES ESTABLISH ACCEPTABILITY BLENDED FOOD AS OPPOSED TO SORGHUM BEFORE MAKING COMMITMENT, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS ALREADY ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN THIS; HOWEVER, MAJOR

LIABILITY AS SEEN BY FFPO IS TYPE OF PACKING AND ITS
INABILITY TO WITHSTAND WEAR AND TEAR INFLICTED BY PUNISHING
ROAD CONDITIONS BETWEEN MOPTI AND GAO. AS SOON AS MORE
DEFINITE INFORMATION IS FORTHCOMING FROM BAMAKO/
NOUAKCHOTT (AND EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO SECURE SAME)
FINDINGS WILL BE COMMUNICATED.

2. REFERENCE GAMBIAN NEEDS, WFP BANJUL, CONTACTED EARLIER
TODAY, IS AWARE OF NO COMMITMENT FROM OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES
OR ORGANIZATIONS. POSSIBILITY OF DONOR COUNTRY/
ORGANIZATION PROGRAMMING FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL FOOD AID TO
GAMBIA THROUGH WFP CAN BE EXCLUDED. BILATERAL ASSISTANCE
OTHER SOURCES CONSIDERED EXTREMELY UNLIKELY. STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT ALLOCATION TWO THOUSAND MT SORGHUM BE
MADE TO GAMBIA AS BILATERAL AID. THIS WOULD MATCH WFP GRANT
ALREADY MADE, AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO GOTG'S
ANTICIPATED FOOD FOR WORK-ASSISTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.
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